

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on January 9, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 9, 1/5/2007; SB 44, 1/5/2007; SB 34, 1/5/2007; SB 13, 1/5/2007  
Executive Action: Rules.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

00:00:10 Chairman Tropila

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON RULES**

00:02:22 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS moved that RULES BE ADOPTED.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**HEARING ON SB 9**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:48 SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (D), SD 18, opened the hearing on  
SB 9, Golden years pass -- free access to state parks.

[EXHIBIT](#)(fis05a01)

**Proponents:**

00:04:15 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council

**Opponents:**

00:07:22 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurer's Association

**Informational Testimony:**

00:09:27 Jeff Hagener, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife  
and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:15 Sen. Balyeat to Ronda Wiggers, Montana County  
Treasurers

00:12:37 Sen. Balyeat to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:14:45 Sen. Barkus to Sen. Kitzenberg

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:16:41 Sen. Tropila

**HEARING ON SB 44**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:39 **SEN. LANE LARSON (D)**, SD 22, opened the hearing on **SB 44**, Expand hunting "super tag" to lion, antelope, and buffalo.

**Proponents:**

00:20:08 Land Tawney, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Council

**EXHIBIT**(fis05a02)

00:21:40 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP

**EXHIBIT**(fis05a03)

00:22:51 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guide Association

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:24:00 Sen. Tash to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:24:34 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Larson

00:26:54 Sen. Balyeat to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:27:45 Sen. Hansen to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:28:59 Sen. Bales to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:30:33 Sen. Barkus to Jeff Hagener, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:32:23 Sen. Larson

**HEARING ON SB 34**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:31 **SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (D), SD 18**, opened the hearing on **SB 34**, Revise authority to regulate nonresident hunters in unlimited permit areas.

**Proponents:**

00:34:29 Steve Schindler, Former Representative for Bow Hunters Association

00:38:58 Steve Suket, Regional Representative for Bow Hunters Association

00:46:30 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

**Opponents:**

00:47:23 Jean Johnson, Outfitters and Guide Association

[EXHIBIT\(fis05a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis05a05\)](#)

00:50:50 Kelly Flynn, Outfitter

[EXHIBIT\(fis05a06\)](#)

00:51:54 Dave Kozub, Outfitter

00:55:59 Mark Robbins, Outfitter

[EXHIBIT\(fis05a07\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:58:13 Jeff Hagener, FWP

[EXHIBIT\(fis05a08\)](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:00:57 Sen. Gallus to Jeff Hagener, FWP

01:03:44 Sen. Gallus to Sen. Kitzenberg

01:05:06 Sen. Bales to Jeff Hagener, FWP

01:06:19 Sen. Barkus to Mark Robbins, Outfitter  
01:07:36 Sen. Barkus to Jeff Hagener, FWP  
01:08:32 Sen. Balyeat to Jeff Hagener, FWP  
01:11:02 Sen. Balyeat to Kelly Flynn, Outfitter  
01:12:18 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Kitzenberg  
01:13:29 Sen. Balyeat to Steve Schindler, Outfitter  
01:19:45 Sen. Balyeat to Dave Kozub, Outfitter

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:20:39 Sen. Kitzenberg

**EXHIBIT**(fis05a09)

**HEARING ON SB 13**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:23:57 **SEN. KEITH BALES, SD 20, OTTER**, opened the hearing on  
**SB 13**, Define qualifications of members of Fish,  
Wildlife, and Parks Commission.

**Proponents:**

01:27:08 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association  
01:28:31 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Association  
01:28:58 Kelly Flynn, Outfitter

**Opponents:**

01:29:16 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:30:30 Sen. Tash to Sen. Bales  
01:30:58 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Bales

01:33:00 Sen. Barkus to Sen. Bales

01:35:27 Sen. Larson to Sen. Bales

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:37:20 Sen. Bales

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:50 P.M.

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SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

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Claudia Johnson, Secretary

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